

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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Delay in Grant of Disability Certificate  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the delay in the issuance of disability certificates to the applicants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to implement any awareness programmes regarding this issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b) Disability under Constitution is a State Subject and Disabilities Certificates are issued as per authorities notified by the States. As per information available from Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, 1,32,81,876 persons with disabilities have been issued disability certificate in various State/UTs as on 10.03.2016 as against 2.68 Crore persons with disabilities in the country as per Census 2011. Disability certificates can be issued only to those who have disability 40% or more, whereas the Census does not necessarily cover persons with disabilities having 40% disability or more. Delay in issuance of disability certificate by States/UTs can be attributed to lack of adequate Medical Experts at the district level, lack of awareness among person with disabilities etc. State-wise position regarding issuance of disability certificate to persons with disabilities vis-à-vis Census 2011 is at Annexure.

(c) & (d) The State Governments and UTs have been advised by the Ministry to take up issuance of disability certificates to the persons with disabilities on campaign mode from time to time. The matter is also reviewed during the annual meetings with State Ministers/Secretaries. Further, the Government has already initiated necessary steps to implement Unique Disability Identity Card project to facilitate hassle free identification and certification of every person with disability. The project envisages adequate publicity at the district/block level for its effective implementation of the project.

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